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PUPILS ATTEND COLLEGE CONFAB

The College Commission has scheduled four college conferences this term for the benefit of the junior and senior classes.

This commission held the first of this series of meeting for the seniors on Monday evening, October 20.

Student speakers were Bob Skloot, Senior President and Mark Baskir, College Commissioner. Speaking on Western Colleges was Dr. Bernstein, while Mr. Barney Cohen and Miss Bradshaw, the College Advisors, spoke about city colleges and colleges of New England, respectively.

The next two meetings were for the juniors, on Friday, October 24, during the second and ninth periods.

Sue Romer opened the meeting of the second period, while Linda Santulli began the ninth period conference. Dr. Bernstein, as well as the college advisors addressed the juniors.

Mark Baskir informed the attending students of the three college guide books which are being sold in the Midwood Book Store. They are: "Lovejoy's College Guide," "How to be Accepted to the College of your Choice," and "How to Win a College Scholarship."

The following meeting took place on Monday night, October 27. Junior and senior parents, along with the students, attended. Sue Romer, junior president, spoke at the commencement of the conference. She was followed by Dr. Bernstein and Mr. Pincus Cashman, President of Midwood's P.T.A.

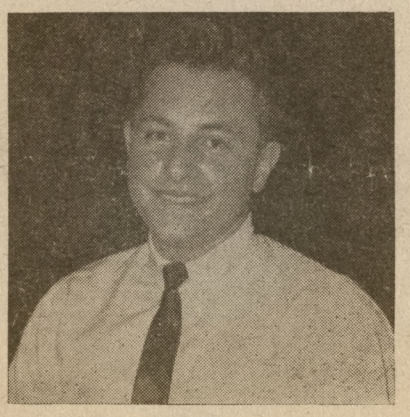
The topics of discussion were "How to Select Your College to Meet Your Needs; How and When to Apply; and How Many College Applications are Permitted?"

At another conference representatives of twenty-nine colleges of the New York area spoke to Midkids about their respective school. This conference took place on November 19.

Senior Prom Planned Friday, June 5

The first major steps towards arranging the Senior Prom were taken this month as seniors received their prom pledges. Those planning to go to the prom filled out their pledges and returned them with six dollars. At least five hundred pledges must be returned to insure the reservation of a ballroom at the Roosevelt Hotel where the prom is to be held. This social highlight of the seniors' four years at Midwood will take place on Friday evening, June 5th.

Plans are also moving ahead for next term's Senior Show. Bob Skloot, 7th term president, is seeking writers for the show, whose script he hopes,



Senior President: Bob Skloot

will be completed by January. Bob described the show by stating that it, "gives seniors an opportunity to satirize their Midwood careers while providing their class and themselves with entertaining events that they will remember for many years to come." The Show is scheduled for some time in June.

A third major event on the senior program is the senior breakfast. This repast is usually held at Cooky's in the spring.

The president has also expressed his desire to have all seniors read the Senior Weekly. This publication compiles information of interest to upperclassmen. Bob says, "I want to make this the best-informed graduating class in Midwood history."

The January class also is actively engaged in preparing for its own Prom which is to take place on December 23. This affair will be held at the International Nightclub. A fifteen dollar ticket will admit one couple to an evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment.

Senior Day for the January Grads will take place within the last third of this term. On this day the leaders of the class will replace administrative officials of the school.

ADVISORS PLAN CAREER SERIES

The vocational guidance department of Midwood holds career conferences every Tuesday at 1 P.M. in Room 245. Miss Flora Shore, Assistant Principal, in charge of guidance, and Mrs. Anne Grant of the Vocational Guidance Office arrange these weekly discussions.

The purpose of these and future conferences is to provide guidance for students who are not entirely sure of the vocation they will pursue after leaving high school, and to acquaint the student body with job opportunities.

Past audiences have heard such guest speakers as Dr. Louis Pyenson, from Long Island University in Farmingdale. Dr. Pyenson is an authority on careers in the field of biology.

In the immediate future (November and December) speakers will explore the job opportunities in the field of Management, on November 18; Foreign Languages, on December 2; Aeronautics, on December 19, and Nursing, on December 16.

Another function of the vocational guidance program is the placement of Midwood students in part time, summer and full time jobs. Seniors taking the commercial course are afforded the opportunity of making applications for various jobs upon graduation.

Horn Voted Epilog Head

By CAROLYN HERSH

The January and June grads elected Sandy Beeber and Jon Horn to head their respective sections in "Epilog," the Senior yearbook.

Sandy was victorious over Cindy Kutler and Valerie Wolfson in the contest for January editor-in-chief. Jon Horn will manage the June section of "Epilog." He defeated Margie Haskel, David Himmelstein, Sue Ricter, and Carolann Sobers in an election by the entire graduating class of June 1959. The Senior representatives of the A.M. Council chose these four candidates on Wednesday, November 12. Five other seniors contented in the primary. They were Marsha Bell, Rita Brickman, Joseph Colora, Sue Cohen, and Bonnie Galton.

Mr. Ross, the faculty advisor, and the "Epilog" staff, chose the students to fill the lesser editorial positions. The January class will have as their literary editor Janice Moglen. Judy Block will serve in the capacity of secretarial editor.

Acting for the June grads in the same posts will be Judy Adest as literary editor, and Susan Haber and Michele Kroll as co-secretarial editors.

Martin Somsky, art editor, and Ken Solomon, business editor, will serve as editors for the issue as a whole.

"Epilog" is published once a year by the seniors of Midwood. Because of the expense involved, the January class, which is frequently quite small, cannot have a separate issue, but instead must have a separate section in the yearbook.

"Epilog" is a hard-covered album containing articles about Midwood, in addition to portions devoted to individual students. Each graduate has his picture, name, address, and extra-curricular activities printed.

"Epilog" also contains pictures of the various teams, clubs, and other Midwood organizations.

"We hope to make this year's 'Epilog' one of the best in Midwood's history," said the newly elected editors.

FORUM WITNESSES DEBATE; MULTER, SCHNEIDER SPEAK

By ELLEN GOODY

A congressional debate between Democrat Abraham Multer of the thirteenth district and Republican Jerome Schneider of the tenth district constituted the Social Studies Forum meeting of Friday, October 31.

The first speaker, Mr. Schneider, opened his speech by commenting that he was "very pleased to see so many young people taking an interest in politics." He remarked that he was a graduate of Erasmus Hall High School and now resides in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

During the early stages of an explanation of his platform, the Republican stated that he strongly believed that, because of the voter's lack of knowledge of the candidates, "incompetence is taking root in the various offices." To deal with this "important problem," he suggested that the "individual voter make a thorough investigation of the candidates and the issues prior to voting."

A loyal member of the GOP, Mr. Schneider said that the "Republicans have done more than the Democrats during their terms in office and adhere to the principles of the party to a greater extent than their opposition." To support this statement he asserted that "President Eisenhower succeeded in halting the war in Korea, and as a result, for the past seven years the United States has been at peace."

Expressing his belief that the people should elect a Republican Congress, Schneider stated that "the next two years will be critical." Thus, it is of the "utmost importance that Congress and the President be of the same party so that issues can be more easily solved and put into action for the benefit of the country as a whole."

Of foremost significance as Mr. Schneider's campaign issues are the strengthening of civil rights, the improvement of housing, and the lowering of taxes.

Mr. Abraham Multer, Liberal-Democrat, commented that the "Democrats are of the many and for the many." He stated that when voting one must select a man on the basis of his previous experience. "Voting is not a popularity contest."

Continuing, Mr. Multer discussed the promises and performance of the Republicans. Specifically mentioned were the balancing of the budget, cutting of the national debt, unemployment situation ,and the problem of the recession and its effect on the cost of living. Mr. Multer added that "since the Republicans have been in office we have had a six billion dollar increase in the national debt, five million people unemployed, and the average family paying eight dollars more per week than they had previously been paying."

Mr. Rundquist, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, was the guest speaker at the S.S. Forum meeting held on Friday, November 7. His topic of discussion included, "Are our civil liberties in danger?"

On Wednesday, October 31, Elizabeth Emil and Judy Lerner, two Midwood High School seniors, served as panel chairmans at the Borough Conference held at Brooklyn Tech High School. The discussion dealt with the topic of "School Integration". Mr. Sayer, chairman of the Social Studies Department commented, "The Borough Conference serves as a wonderful media for bringing delegates from all high schools together and providing the opportunity for teenagers to present their views on current problems of a controversial nature."

MHS AWAITS F.D.R. SLATE; STUDENTS START RESEARCH

At present, the F.D.R. commission is in the process of choosing candidates for the F.D.R. award. Midwood will present this accolade next term.

In order to obtain a list of nominees, F.D.R. commission members led discussions in the Social Studies classrooms on November 5, 6, and 7. After the various classes submitted their choices, the committee proceeded to do some research on the selected individuals, reducing the number to approximately twelve. Next the A.M., P.M. and Kensington councils will receive the names of these twelve persons, along with valuable information concerning each of them. The three municipal bodies will then eliminate nine of the twelve candidates. In January, the student body will cast its ballots and one of the three people will emerge victorious. However, the candidate is eligible for the award only if he is able to come to Midwood to accept it himself or if someone representing him can come to receive it.

"The main purpose of this project is to make the students of Midwood aware of brotherhood through presentation of the award," declared Charlotte Siegel, F.D.R. commissioner.

When asked whether the award has been successful in accomplishing its purpose, Charlotte replied, "Yes, I think we've brought across the true meaning of brotherhood to the students."

Memorial Fund Screenings Set

The Midwood Memorial Scholarship Fund is now considering the applications for scholarships that seniors submitted this fall.

In the last eight years, one hundred and fifty-six Midwood seniors received a total of $29,000 from the Scholarship Fund.

The Fund administrators receive many letters from people who have gotten scholarships in the past. One alumnus, now in New Delhi, India, wrote the Fund saying, "I am here doing research for my doctoral thesis at Princeton University, under a Fullbright grant from the Ford Foundation. All this was made possible by the help your Scholarship Fund gave me in college."

Midwood Aids Care

By RUTH WALLACH

The Welfare Commission, under the leadership of Nancy Kleinberg, plans to hold a CARE drive during the week of December 1.

The Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere (CARE) sends packages of food to needy people throughout the world. For one dollar, CARE will send twenty-two pounds of food, worth ten dollars, at retail prices.

This CARE drive is but one of the many activities the Welfare Commission participates in. Another of its functions is visiting homebound students, who, because of illness, are unable to attend Midwood. The Commission also plans to orientate Midwood's foreign students so that, as Nancy Kleinberg commented, "They may become more aware of the wonderful opportunities Midwood has to offer." A fourth activity is preparation for a Thanksgiving party for the Senior member of the Pride of Judeah Children's Home. Nancy hopes that "once Midwood students become aware of the meaningful work of the Welfare Commission, they will want to support its projects. They can start by contributing generously to CARE."

B71 ORGANIZES NEW COMMISSION

The Music Department Commission met in the auditorium with a large part of the Music Department to discuss the activities of the commission on Friday, November 7.

Speakers were Irwin Feifer, commissioner, Mr. Rosenberg, head of Midwood's Band, and Mr. Chancy, chairman of the department.

The function of the commission is "to coordinate the various sections of the department, and to increase the cultural and social activities of the school."

"The Commission is up against many obstacles," said Irwin. "Among these are difficulties in finding faculty advisors for the undertakings of the commission, and the general lack of cooperation of the students which has been apparent in previous years. Plans made for a musical production are only tentative now because of the lack of a teacher to advise it."

MIDTERM SCHEDULE

Monday, November 24		Tuesday, November 25		Wednesday, November 26	
I 8:00-9:30	Social Studies 5, 3, 3M	I 8:00-9:15	English 7, 7M English 6 (1 hr)	I 8:00-9:15	English 8, 5 English 5M (1 hr)
II 9:50-11:20	Math 8, 6, 5, E, F Merchandising 4, 3	II 9:35-11:05	Accounting 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Arith. Screen. (1 hr) Business Arith. 1, 2 General Arith. 1 (1 hr) Math 2, 1 (1 hr)	II 9:35-11:05	Clerical Practice 4, 3, 2, 1 (1 hr) French 6, 5 Hebrew 5 Secretarial Pract. 1 Spanish 6, 5 Stenography 4
III 11:40-1:10	Biology 5, 4, 3 Gen. Science 2 (1 hr) Lab. Techniques B, H Modern Science 1	III 11:25-12:55	Social Studies 6 (2 hrs) Social Studies 4, 2 Social Studies 4M (1 hr)	III 11:25-12:55	Law 1 Merchandising 2, 1 Math 7, 4, 3 Math C (2 hrs)
IV 1:30-2:45	English 4, 3	IV 1:15 2:45	French 4 French 3 (1 hr) Spanish 4 Spanish 3 (1 hr) Stenography 3, 2, 1 (1 hr)	IV 1:30-3:00	GENERAL CONFERENCE IN AUDITORIUM
V 3:05-4:05	French 2, 1 Spanish 2, 1	V 3:05-4:35	Social Studies 1 Soc. Studies 1M (1 hr)		

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Award Poster Prizes

The library staff held a faculty tea to introduce new books purchased during Book Week, Monday, November 3. Candle sticks, pale yellow cloths, and floral center pieces on each table of the library made the atmosphere warm and informal.

Students on the Library Squad assisted in the serving of tea and cake. The flowers were the gift of Mr. Barkin, of the faculty.

Larry Rosenblum, William Hatzman, and Shelley Lichterman are the winners of the Library Poster Contest that was judged by the library faculty. Each of the students received a book as a reward for his art work.

The Library sponsored the competition to foster student recognition of National Book Week. Mrs. Schulslaper, who was in charge of the contest, stated, "In a school term as short as this, we appreciate the great deal of time and patience the participating students devoted to their work."

The posters will be displayed in the library during Book Week, and then shown throughout the school.

A Cheese Festival, celebrated in honor of United Nations Week, took place on Thursday, October 23, in the Home Economics apartment.

Midwood's student body was invited to sample the more than 200 cheeses offered anytime during that day. Miss Mulhern and Mr. Lefkowitz of the faculty, and Evelyn Kramer, a student, judged the cheeses and selected the best cheese of '58. They chose a French cheese, Creme Chantilly.

All cheeses were supplied by students in the Home Eco Course.

Ronald Wilensky, a third term Midwood student, has received fifty dollars from Popular Electronics Magazine for his article "Simple Circuits for Offbeat Measuring."

Ronald plans to be a mathematician. His favorite subjects are math and chemistry.

Last May, Ronald decided to write an article and submit it to the magazine. It was concerned with adaptions on servicing equipment, and contained approximately six hundred words. On October 22, he received a letter informing him of its acceptance and the possibility of printing another article he had written, entitled, "Electronic Combination Lock."

The annex branch of the City of Midwood held the first government class on Thursday, October 30. Approximately one hundred students attended this class.

Mr. George Dobren, administrative assistant in charge of Kensington, started a small club early this term. The club, called the "Kensington Eggheads," meets once a week with Mr. Dobren. The students discuss intellectual problems dealing with "everything from Socrates to the Atomic Age." One Kensington Egghead stated that this class "is a most stimulating and gratifying experience."

C.M. Coordinates Annex Events; Mayor Adopts Lincoln HS Plan

"This term, as in the past year, one of the most important problems the City of Midwood must cope with is that of effectively integrating the students of Kensington into the life of Midwood," stated Ed Skloot, Mayor of the City of Midwood.

When Kensington first became a part of Midwood, the Board of Estimate voted to form a Kensington Commission that would coordinate the activities of the annex. Susan Lorde is the commissioner this term, and Joanne Goodman is her assistant.

A new problem has arisen this term, for the presence of both sophomores and freshmen in the annex requires the sophomore class officers to keep in contact with two groups of students, instead of only one. To simplify this task, the Kensington Commissioner has suggested a plan of having two sophomore presidents. Another suggestion made has been to continue electing a president and a vice president, but to make it mandatory for one officer to come from the annex. The Board of Estimate, the three councils, and perhaps the student body will decide which solution to adopt.

Following a policy begun by last term's mayor, Jerry Principato, Ed Skloot has been visiting neighboring schools for new ideas and plans. As a result of a recent visit to Lincoln High School, Mayor Skloot has adopted a plan that gives high school students who are interested in becoming kindergarten teachers, the opportunity to observe classes in operation.

Skloot at Work

After concluding arrangements with Dr. Bernstein, Ed Skloot announced that, "by the end of my term, work will have begun on repairing Midwood's athletic field."

Another project being developed this term is the continuation of a City of Midwood Book that students started many years ago. "The purpose of this undertaking," commented Erma Lauffer, Assistant Civil Service Commissioner, "is to maintain standards for new commissioners so that student government may constantly improve."

Parents Visit Midwood Profs November 10, 13

Midwood High School held its annual open house for parents on Monday, November 10 from 12:05 to 2:00 P.M. and on Thursday evening, November 13, from 7:30 until 9:30 P.M.

During both time periods, parents had an opportunity to discuss their children's progress with members of the faculty, who were stationed in their respective rooms.

To maintain order and speed in the individual parent-teacher conferences, teachers gave each visitor a number. If he desired, the parent was able to go to another teacher's room without losing his place on line. A group of students acting as hosts and hostesses aided the instructors in handling the number assignments, and reminded visitors not to indulge in lengthy conversations at the expense of other parents. If the child's progress merited a more thorough discussion, the instructor suggested that an appointment be made with either the teacher or with the student's grade advisor.

As was the case last year, the Midwood P.T.A. raffled a seventeen-inch portable television for the benefit of the Memorial Scholarship Fund. The drawing of the winning ticket took place on Thursday evening at 10:30 in the Natalie Chancy Music Lounge. Prior to the drawing, the Home Economics Department served fresh refreshments to visitors and teachers in its fourth floor apartment.

The aim of Open School Week is two-fold. The first is to establish a close relationship among the parent, teacher and student. The second is to advise parents of their children's progress, in both scholastic and social achievement. If this record is found to be unsatisfactory, teachers may suggest measures for improvement.

Frosh, Sophs Elect Prexies

By BRUCE JACOBS

The freshman class of Midwood chose Mark Mirkin, president, and Ellen Edelman, vice-president, in an election held on October 21 at the annex. The following week the sophomores selected Ray Nevins and Pat Ash as their president and veep, respectively.

Mark Mirkin defeated Myrna Barter, Judy Lasen, and Arthur Newberg. Other contenders for soph president were Helen Sord, Letty Konegsberg, Laura Metz, and Roberta Simon.

The new sophomore president declared that "although the sophomores are beset by problems, caused by a division of the class between the annex and the main building, we hope to develop strong spirit by means of class and school-wide activities."

The new officers have set in motion plans for a skating party, which they will hold during the Thanksgiving holidays, and a soph-frosh dance. The date of the dance is not yet definite, but it will be held before the Christmas vacation.

Mark Mirkin and Ellen Edelman explained that, "Now that the job of organizing student government at Kensington is underway, we are making many plans to enrich our stay here."

Bob Harlem, executive-secretary of the City of Midwood, has inaugurated a series of classes for freshmen and sophs on the organization of student government.

Mrs. Janet Schonbrun, City of Midwood faculty advisor at the Annex, explained, "The aim of these discussions will be to inform students of the workings of the City of Midwood government machinery and the many unpublicized activities available to Midwood students."

KENSINGTON MIDTERM SCHEDULE

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II 11:45-1:00	English 3 World Geog. 1	II 10:15-11:30	English 1	II 10:45-11:45	Math 3 Hebrew 5
III 1:15-2:15	French 1, 2 Spanish 1, 2 Hebrew 1, 2 Latin 1	III 11:45-1:15	Social Studies 1 Business Arith. 1	III 12:45-2:15	FACULTY MEETING ROOM 204 KENSINGTON
		IV 1:30-2:30	French 3 Spanish 3		

Borough Council Reps Elected; Kleinmen, Aronosky, the Victors

On October 20, Midwood held its elections for representatives to the Brooklyn Borough Council. The following day Ruth Aronosky and Linda Kleinman, the newly-elected delegates attended the second meeting of the term at Madison High. Their alternate is Arthur Cohen.

The President of the Brooklyn Borough Council is Carolann Sobers of Midwood. Other officers are from Erasmus, Lane, Madison, and New Utrecht High Schools.

One of the main projects of the council began last year, that of obtaining an ice skating rink for the use of the people of Brooklyn since the borough rink has been closed. A petition bearing several thousand names, went through the council to Mayor Wagner. Because of the actions of council members, articles on the subject appeared in several newspapers.

Another project undertaken by this group is a student exchange between our schools and those of Great Britain.

These monthly meetings are open to all those who wish to come. To those interested, the next meeting will be at Abraham Lincoln High School. Carolann urges students to go to these meetings despite the fact that they may not actively participate. She says, "If more students expressed a desire to take part in student government and leadership, there would be more activities resulting in more opportunities for student participation."

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EDITORIAL . . . . . .

Something Old

That time of year is upon us again, when most of us are oblivious to our own petty wants. We become unselfish in the giving of our time and efforts to a single cause—Sing '58. From now until the nineteenth of December, the faculty will be getting a little annoyed at the students' lack of attentiveness. Parents will lie awake wondering what time their kids will be home from the lyric committee meeting. Students will be proud of seeing what was at first only a small idea now turned into a lavish production.

It is gratifying to see this tremendous spirit encompass all of us, but just a bit sad, too. Sad, in that we know this genuine spirit lasts for only a few weeks of the year. Perhaps one day, when we look back upon our high school career, we will appreciate the small, everyday events that, like Sing, make Midwood memorable.

Something New

Last month, the student body received a much-revised report card. Argus welcomes the new card and recognizes its purpose to improve student and parental attitudes.

We feel that the code which interprets marks and defines reasons for failure may give parents a deeper understanding of their child's real capabilities. Now, certainly no parent can ignore his child's scholastic weaknesses. He must take steps to help; he can provide a tutor or consent to a change of course for his child no matter how much his pride is hurt.

We feel, too, that by replacing the "S" which used to serve as a mark of 65-100, with the two letters "S" and "E", the student has a clearer indication of his work for the first marking period. The difference will be an increase on his part to strive harder in those first slow weeks of school.

The new card, if interpreted carefully, will be an invaluable addition to our school guidance program.

Something Borrowed

This year, Sing is being held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It is the first time since December, 1955 that this event will be presented outside of school. Let us hope that this move to enable more students to witness Sing will not detract from the wonderful spirit that is shown by all classes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Midwood Argus:

May I compliment you for your edition of October 31. I was very much impressed by your awareness of matters that are vital to our overall guidance program, although they are not as spectacular or as sensational as some of the many things that happen at Midwood. I refer specifically to your article on struggling foreign children and our Career Conferences.

I would like to emphasize here and now that the City of Midwood, which I hope means all the citizens of Midwood, must not forget our homebound children. It is not enough to just write an article. I hope this interest and the program for them will not be allowed to lag.

Our foreign children need desperately to be helped at all times. Again this task must be taken on as a responsibility, not just as a pleasant interview. More important is the responsibility of making them feel at home in their new home, the United States of America.

And lastly, our Career Conference are planned far in advance of the announced dates. The planning requires a great deal of time spent in conferences, correspondence and telephoning. We try to select the best for you. We hope pupils who read your item in the issue of October 31, will attend these conferences, invite their parents, and include our Vocational and Career Conferences on their Educational Program.

Flora Shore,
Administrative Assistant

To the Editor of the Midwood Argus:

I feel that the moving of Sing to the Brooklyn Academy of Music is a gross injustice to the student body. Undoubtedly, this move has a financial advantage. However, it has many disadvantages which, in my opinion, far outweigh the benefits.

First, there is the fact that Sing will be held only two nights. All those who have seen Sing all four nights, as I have for the past two years, in my capacity on the Stage Squad, will agree with me when I say that the first night amounts merely to a dress rehearsal. This leaves only one night to make up for the mistakes that become evident.

Although there are many inconveniences, I feel that the greatest problem is that this move is detrimental to the spirit of Sing. A centralized location such as the school, made possible the marches en masse to Cooky's, Wolfie's, and the various Sing parties. These, I feel, are an integral and important part of Sing.

Barry Potter

To the Editor of the Midwood Argus:

A Booster pays twenty dollars for her uniform. She must also pay for beanies, shakers, bus fare to games, and even for her ticket to see the games during her first year on the squad. No other group sent by Midwood to the Columbus Day Parade paid for its bus fare. The school paid the transportation costs for the Cheer Leaders, Twirlers, and Band.

I realize that Midwood is not a heavily endowed private school, and therefore cannot afford to pay for our uniforms. But it must not be forgotten that the Boosters is a school sponsored organization, and therefore deserves the same consideration that any other extra-curricular school activity is given. If our school is going to ask a girl to pay for her transportation and admission to games, plus the initial sum of her uniform, then the school must at least be willing to accept the responsibility of protecting the girl and her personal property. I do not mean to criticize the faculty advisors who come to games, because they do a fine job. But why is there no one specifically assigned to sit with the Boosters? Why is there no one to watch our property while we are in the field?

Abby Wettan 453A

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

I know that some of you have been disturbed, as I have been, by occasional incidents showing lack of gentlemanly conduct and sportsmanship at inter-school athletic contests. Here are a few examples of what I mean: Spectators from one school jeer and insult the band, cheerleaders, or boosters representing the competing school; they are often disrespectful when the school song of a competing school is being sung; and they sometimes cheer with glee when a boy on a competing team suffers an injury.

When I was a student in high school, it was the practice to cheer good plays on both sides. We were respectful when a school song was sung by spectators of the competing school; and, at times, we even had our band play the song of the competing school. We knew that it was unsportsmanlike to cheer injuries to competing players or for penalties imposed upon the competing team. At the conclusion of even the hardest fought contest, the competing teams cheered each other before leaving the field or floor of the gym.

Is this too "old-fashioned" or out-of-date? I hope not. I would suggest that our representatives to the all-city G.O. conferences raise this issue in future meetings. In the meantime, let us at Midwood try to live up to high standards of conduct and sportsmanship. It is my hope that other schools will follow our example.

Sincerely yours,
J. B. Bernstein,
Principal

Mayor's Desk

I think it appropriate that I write of our "Fall Follies Dance," and of a problem that must be solved. On Halloween evening, we held our first dance of the present school year. I think I can speak for all those attending when I say that everyone had a most enjoyable evening. But, by count, the number of Midkids was just under two hundred. More than half of these were freshmen and sophomores from Kensington. So taking out my pencil and paper, I did a little advanced mathematics and drew one conclusion: Midkids are pretty darned unappreciative. I'm not referring to the participation at dances, but also to the attendance at sports events, concerts, and drives.

I am forced to believe that Midkids care very little for their school. What causes this attitude? Is it unconcern about colleges, fraternities, and sororities, "Sing?"

I am asking for your help! In the main halls of both Midwood and Kensington, we have suggestion boxes. Perhaps someone can tell me why Midwood is "sleepy" and what prescription is needed to organize it into alertness. I shall be glad to speak to you, at any time, not only about dances, but about any other subject pertinent to Midwood's future efforts.

Ed Skloot,
Mayor

Hank

JON HORN

HI HANK!
HI JANE!
HIYA SANDY, MICKEY, BILLY, RANDY, BOBBY, LIZZIE, RICKIE, JOEY, JUDY, DANNY, KENNY, LUCY, DOTTY, TONY, JOANIE
C'MON — LET'S BUG OUT — NO ONE'S HERE!
YEAH!
Jon Horn '58

Grateful Ingrate Talks Turkey

Thanks . . . thanks a lot. Not that I'm cynical or anything, you understand, but that's my reaction when anybody mentions Thanksgiving. The Blowhards are quick to jump down my trachea about this, telling me I have plenty of

food, clothing, shelter, and education. Granted. But what about the mess the world is in? What about the mess Washington is in? What about the mess my report card is in?

And just who do I thank when I wake up shaking like Presley, because it's cold and my radiator never works and I have to go to school and it's the middle of the night? The "righteous ones" call me "SOFT" and start recounting old Honest Abe's countless treks through the cold snows from log cabin to log school. O.K.! O.K.! I'm part of the soft, spoiled age. I don't want to be President anyway.

But Thanksgiving has its merits. There's the family circle bit . . . always either at your own house so you have to stay home, or at Grandma's. You've got to go when it's at Grandma's.

There's always a big meal, where you become nauseous because of all the food you tried to devour after sneaking that double cider poured for Dad. Then the "Klatch" sits wriggling around for hours in its uncomfortable dinner clothes, trying to work up an appetite for late coffee and cake.

I really don't believe in this yearly gratefulness, but even if I did, I'd say people today don't realize the true meaning of this feasting celebration. The idea is knowing that all the food, and liquor and hi-fi's and hula hoops don't come to us easily, but that generations have sowed and reaped to bring about this "betterment of mankind." That not once a year, but throughout the year we should be humble and thankful for living. That's what I'd say. But I don't.

I, like many of my peers, thank someone for a compliment (out of courtesy), and I thank acquaintances obsequiously for favors (hoping they may oblige me again), but these thanks I give, because I must. I rarely stop to reflect that I'm lucky to be here, now . . . plodding along through the mid-twentieth century. Maybe I should. I don't know.

Not that I'm cynical or anything, you understand!

SPOTLIGHT

Sue Ashley is a friendly, vivacious girl, popular among her classmates for her wonderful sense of cooperation and her capability as a leader of her class. As an example of her enjoyment in working with others, Sue states, "I find in Argus an activity in which I can engage wholeheartedly. Working with my fellow editors and reporters is most rewarding."

Sue joined the Argus staff because she loves to write, and is now in her fourth term on the paper, as an associate news editor. Because of her love of writing and her desire to express herself more accurately, Sue is studying Latin, feeling that it will give her "a better understanding of the English language."

Sue thoroughly enjoys talking to people, avidly expounding her views on the all-important matters of colleges, tests, and teachers.

When asked for her opinion of the "rat race" for college, Sue replied. "There is too much pressure being put on us. I'm killing myself studying for College Boards." Sue feels "we should have mastered long ago all the facts that they cram into our heads in the college prep courses."

She takes the College English and Social Studies courses because "they are among the many advantages Midwood has to offer."

Second girl in the senior class and a member of Arista and Archon certainly have not gone to her head. Sue is a frank and sincere person.

Sue is a well-rounded teen-ager: she works in her father's office as a receptionist, takes piano lessons, and plays a good game of tennis. Last summer,

Sue Ashley

she took a special speedreading course at New York University to increase her reading speed and comprehension. Also an ardent theatre goer and music lover, Sue spends a lot of her free time on Broadway.

Sue would like to attend either Cornell or Brandeis, or Barnard College. She hopes to follow the example set by her elder brother, Henry, who made the dean's list at Rochester University. Susan is undecided as to future plans and hopes that a college will help to guide her towards a decision.

Sue Ashley has, in effect, a well-rounded personality and an easy charm. She has the ability to keep her head in the air and her feet solidly on the ground.

Midmoods....

LUCY RECHT

I was asked to write about Midwood. So I went through the halls trying to observe the school's population, and quickly sensed an unwritten law, existing among this species. As with most forms of life, they fell easily into categories; some, impressively calling themselves the rebels and non-conformists, others, pompously, the public spirited, and still others, learnedly, the intel-tuals. . . . . .

To me, they were just a part of the squirming mass, not easily distinguishable from the rest. I was puzzled by their confidence in their own individuality. Where I saw only arms, legs, clothing, a language, uniting them in a common, indeed, not unpleasant, bond, they were most concerned with what could not be seen—something called philosophy, spiritual knowledge, personality. They seemed to be forever fussing, mainly about each other's mental status, dividing themselves into basic classes. The necessity to be "in", or at least considered "in" one of these groups, seemed imperative, lest one sink into the disgraceful abyss of "nebbishry."

The so-called intellectual type appeared to exist for a variety of purposes; he was the scapegoat when deriding the school, and therefore permitted to be generally eccentric in his actions. A high average was not an obligation to belong, but rather a general willingness to talk about the right books and expound upon fine points in grammar.

Another evident type, the "rah rah" kids, were forever engaged in extra-curricular activities, rushing back and forth between clubs—democratic autocracies, commissions — groups with a purpose, etc. These were expected to associate only with each other, and I did observe a similarity in their manner. But then it did not differ greatly from the overall similarity—as it appeared to me, of course.

There was still another group, the bohemians, but I couldn't understand them at all, so I didn't try. One thing I did notice, though, was that once these people had gotten themselves classified, by others, escape from their particular grouping was impossible.

They all looked the same, however, when they came at me helter-skelter, during a passing period. So I figured, maybe I didn't have the proper spirit and decided to give up. They seemed happy, and who am I to try to influence people?

LOST PEOPLE ROAM "THE SQUARE"

There are times, when everybody feels lost, for a while. When the usual companions aren't understanding enough, or sad enough, or happy enough, or just aren't enough, when the bits and pieces of an artificial world become just what they really are: just bits and pieces. These are the best times to visit 42nd Street.

The first thing you notice if you have the inclination (and a roving eye) are the movie houses—plenty of them. They line the sidewalk, waiting for the jingle of silver coins (Adults 40c) and the gawks of guys gazing at the three-times-life-size cut-outs of B.B. The marquees proclaim "The Purple Mask with Snap Bang and Flare Off", or "Fire Under her Skin-Heldover!"

Even more exciting than these crude attractions are the more subtle methods of the 42nd Street bookstores. Always present are the signs, implying some hidden treasure in the statement, "Back Issue Magazines." Cautiously you walk to the rear, where these old issues are inevitably kept. There, among "Clinical Ballistocardiography" and perhaps a 1948 issue of the "Journal of Accountancy", you find them. The paper edition of "The Tigress" (She hated men—but knew how to love them) is bought for the munificent sum of nineteen cents and a sharp glance from a lady browsing through a "House and Gardens."

Stopping at an Army and Navy store (Life Jacket Shark Chaser, slightly worn —$1.99) you contemplate the activity about you, especially one elderly gentlemen who has set up a small step ladder, an American Flag on a collapsible pole, a banner which reads, "I preach for free", and is proceeding to speak in not too soft tones about his philosophy of life.

Not particularly wanting to be saved, you walk away, but the elderly, misunderstood gentlman, the clandestine magazines, the raucous movie houses, all have had their effect. You've found yourself, you're not lost anymore. Or at least if you still are, you know you're not alone.

Alumnews

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Gaellen, on the birth of their daughter, Jane Staunton on October 14. Mrs. Gaellen, formerly Susan Haas, was graduated from Midwood in 1949. She is the daughter of English teacher, Mrs. Haas.

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Flick, formerly Nancy Haas, class '50, have become the parents of a baby girl. Their daughter, Rachel Margaret, was born October 28.

Sir Toby Belch will be portrayed by Henry W. Weiss, class of '55, in the Dartmouth College Players' production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Best wishes to Joyce Ersersky, June '56, and Arthur Goldstein, who were married Sept. 15. They are now attending Yale University. Joyce was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Smith College where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Among the ten students named to the Dean's list at Colgate University were Robert Schwager and Martin Popowitz, who graduated from Midwood in 1956.

The present executive assistant to New York State's Commission of Commerce is a former student of Midwood. Ulric Haynes, after attending Yale University Law School, became junior economist to the executive assistant of the Department of Commerce. Because of his outstanding ability, he has been elevated to the position of assistant. We wish him continued success!

Meet Your Teacher

"Why me?" asked Mrs. Venit. "I can't imagine why I was chosen to be written about!" The reason, of course, is that she is one of the most popular teachers in the Social Studies department. Noted for her quick smile and good humor, she is in her element when in the classroom.

An alumna of Brooklyn College, she taught there for many years before coming across the street to Midwood, where she is now an instructor in the modified core program.

Her teaching method is extremely interesting and well appreciated by her students. In her core classes, she integrates "the spirit of the times with the problems of the time" by coordinating literature reading with the subject matter in history.

She stresses "taking the canned flavor out of history" and "saturating" her students with the period they are studying, "thereby making it alive and

Mrs. Venit

meaningful for them."

Mrs. Venit thinks that Midwood is a terrific school with an "alive student body" and feels that "it's about time that America stopped coddling its students and started teaching."

Since she is so well versed in history, Mrs. Venit would like very much to travel and actually see for herself the places where history's most important events took place. "I think", she said almost wistfully, "that if I had a choice of seeing only one country I would choose Italy." She would feel very much at home with the art of the Renaissance.

To be a teacher, and also the mother of two young sons is a full-time job, but somehow Mrs. Venit finds time for indulging in other interests. She reads extensively and likes to think she's "young enough to play a good game of tennis." She is also "an avid chamber music listener."

Mrs. Venit, whose husband is chairman of the history department at Tilden High (she claims that two Venits in one school would be too much) has a great love for her subject and for children, and a genuine desire to teach. These are certainly the three most essential qualities of a good teacher.

Carol Amato

Confusion in the Auditorium; Singsters Relax, Songs Unsung

I'm a new student in Midwood but it didn't take me a very long time to find out about Sing. In fact I had been here exactly one hour when a Junior came bouncing over asking my opinion of a song written especially for her production. With a look of bewilderment, I replied that I had no idea what she was talking about.

"You haven't heard about Sing?" she asked. "Where have you been? Come to the next meeting."

I did. Meanwhile I asked the bright looking young man behind me if he was a participant.

"I like to sleep at night," he answered.

So I asked another Midwoodite if she was in Sing. Looking at me incredulously, she cried, "Who me? Belong to Sing? I'm normal."

After this enlightening conversation, I went to a Soph Sing meeting. As I sat trying to make out what was going on in the midst of all the confusion, I heard one Soph say to another, "At least we won't come in fourth place again. Kensington has a separate Sing this year."

Two periods later, I found myself in a corner of the Senior Alcove at a Senior Sing meeting, listening in on a conversation between two upper-classmen about the girl one of them was going steady with. Someone up front was going over the words of the opening song. One of the boys suddenly realized I was listening to his conversation and said to me threateningly, "Make like a big wind and blow." So I did.

I went for some fresh air. I saw five kids singing near the corner. Sing hopefuls, no doubt! I approached them to listen. They stopped and glared indignantly.

"Sing?" I asked.

"Yeah. We sing! Rock n' Roll."

"Oh!" I stumbled back.

Finally I went to a Junior Sing meeting. The students were making a terrible racket, and the poor chairman was yelling for attention. People kept on talking and laughing and the chairman kept on yelling for attention. At last all became silent. The passing bell rang and everyone scampered out.

Now I know what Sing is. It's confusion, noise, chaos, and bedlam, but most important of all it's school spirit.

FOOD FIEND EXPLORES FLAVORS

"Let's see now," the kids mused as they stood in front of the school. "The Bowl? The pizza place? Or maybe—anybody got money?—Wolfie's!"

That is the extent to which teen-age culinary interests are aroused here. Few people realize that preparation of "good" nutrition not only entails the most exotic foods such as quail or caviar, but that a can of beans can become in itself a savory dish, if treated with love and attention.

For centuries, men have eaten beasts, not only to nourish their bodies, but to give more strength to their weary spirits. A bull's heart, for example, was supposed to bring bravery; oysters shed a new potency, and not only in the brain. Pigeons, those gentle, flitting creatures, have always signified peace.

Another unusual dish is snails. In France, some fifty million such creatures are consumed each year. They are enticing on plates, their shells full of hot, green butter. Appetizing? When they are being prepared, one can almost taste their peculiar smell, not quite like garlic, not quite like rubber tires.

In spite of inventions and conceits, meat is the most expensive item in the modern diet. If one is interested, he may discover many unusual preparations not commonly eaten.

A means of horrifying at least eight out of every ten American diners, is to suggest that they eat anything but the actual red fibrous meat of a beast. A heart or kidney, or even a sweetbread is anathema to most. However, with constant consumption, even a lamb's brain, or a mountain oyster may become a sheer delight.

Why is it worse in the end, to see an animal's head cooked and prepared for our pleasure than a thigh, a tail, or a rib? No one holds any compunctions however, about devouring the latter, while the former are considered untouchable.

Another obscure dish is Canelloni. Canelloni are simply unsweetened pancakes (like enchilladas) which are filled with what the recipe calls "any plausible mixture": meat, fish, herbs, egg yolks, etc. They are rolled and laid in a shallow dish and are sprinkled with grated cheese and browned quickly.

But, as I said before, whenever it comes to choosing the place to partake of our noontime repast, the conversation is invariably thus:

"Let's go to the Bowl. They got new records in the jukes , , , and those cute Brooklyn College chicks are always there. Yeah! let's go!"

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Sportlight

Destined to be one of the greatest athletes in the annals of Midwood High is Junior, Artie Morris. A cinch for an all-city nomination on the gridiron, Artie is also reputed to be among the fastest trackmen in the city.

In Midwood, there's a saying that reads, "as Morris goes, so go the Midmen." This can be very easily proven, for in Midwood's first four games of this season, the team has scored a total of twenty points, all of which have been chalked up by Morris. In the Madison contest, Artie singlehandedly demolished the Highwaymen by garnering fourteen points in the 14-6 victory.

Although he receives an understandable thrill each time he crosses the goal line, Artie honestly says that he would rather that the team won, than for him to score a lot of points.

This year Morris ranks among the top scorers in the city. He will be back next season and he will probably be the key to the success or the failure of that football campaign, as the team will undoubtedly be built around him.

Artie was on the football squad in his sophomore year but wasn't allowed to play since he was still below the eligible age. Thus, he spent an itchy year on the bench and couldn't wait until the opening game of this season.

Small for the average football player, Artie more than makes up for his lack of poundage (he only weighs 140 lbs.) with his tremendous speed. In his sophomore year, Artie ran the hundred-yard dash in the phenomenal high school time of 10.3 seconds.

A member of the track team, Artie broke his "novice" classification last year, finishing first in a race and thereby entering the "open" class. (Under P.S.A.L. rules, a runner must win in the novice division before going into the open category.) Morris accomplished this feat in a meet at Brooklyn College Field.

Scholastically, he possesses an eighty-six percent average. Artie would like to attend one of the so-called "Ivy League" colleges, possibly on an athletic scholarship. Following that would be law school, as Morris favors a career as a tax lawyer.

Says Artie, "I would love to go to the Olympics, if it is at all possible."

It's not everyday that a Midwood athlete decides that he wants to enter the Olympics. First, one must be good enough. This one is, so why not?

Howie Blau

GUNNERS TOP JAMAICA; RUNNERS PLACING HIGH

RIFLE

The Midwood rifle team, coached by Barney Cohen, has compiled a 4-0 record to date.

After the season started on October 14 with a win over Madison, the team topped Jamaica, Cleveland, and Hamilton High Schools.

The squad centers around this year's captain, Eric Nagler, and veterans Larry Spiegel, who also doubles as manager, and Dave Soskis, the only junior on the team.

The first match, against Madison, saw Nagler high scorer with 175. Next in line was Bob Epstein with a 171 total. Spiegel and Sam Schneider, a promising sophomore, both shot 170. Soskis brought in a 164, making a total of 850 points against Madison's 718.

Against Jamaica H.S. on October 16, Spiegel copped scoring honors with a 186. Schneider followed with 174. Next came Nagler, Epstein, and Joe Satz shooting 172 ,167, and 159 respectively. The tally for the match was 858-833.

Midwood routed Cleveland H.S. on October 23, by a score of 826-755. Outstanding riflemen of this match was Nagler with a 181. Spiegel and Satz followed with scores of 171 and 163. Epstein, Soskis, and Schneider shot 157, 154 and 135 respectively.

The team beat Hamilton by a wide margin on October 31, with a total of 860-711. Nagler and Herb Sokol both shot 173. Spiegel shot 170, Schneider 168, Epstein 165, and Satz, 162.

Larry Spiegel holds the highest match score, which is the 186 that he shot against Jamaica. Eric Nagler has the highest average, 175.

CROSS-COUNTRY

In the first three meets of the 1958 season, the Midwood cross country team under the tutelage of Mr. Bernstein, finished in the top twenty-five percent of the fifty competing schools.

In both the P.S.A.L. Brooklyn Championship, and the St. John's University Eighth Annual Interscholastic Run, the Midwood Varsity and J. V. placed in the meets.

In the recent Brooklyn Borough Championship Meet, Ken Holmes secured a medal for his fine performance.

The next two meets will produce the winners of the P.S.A.L. and Flatbush Championship titles.

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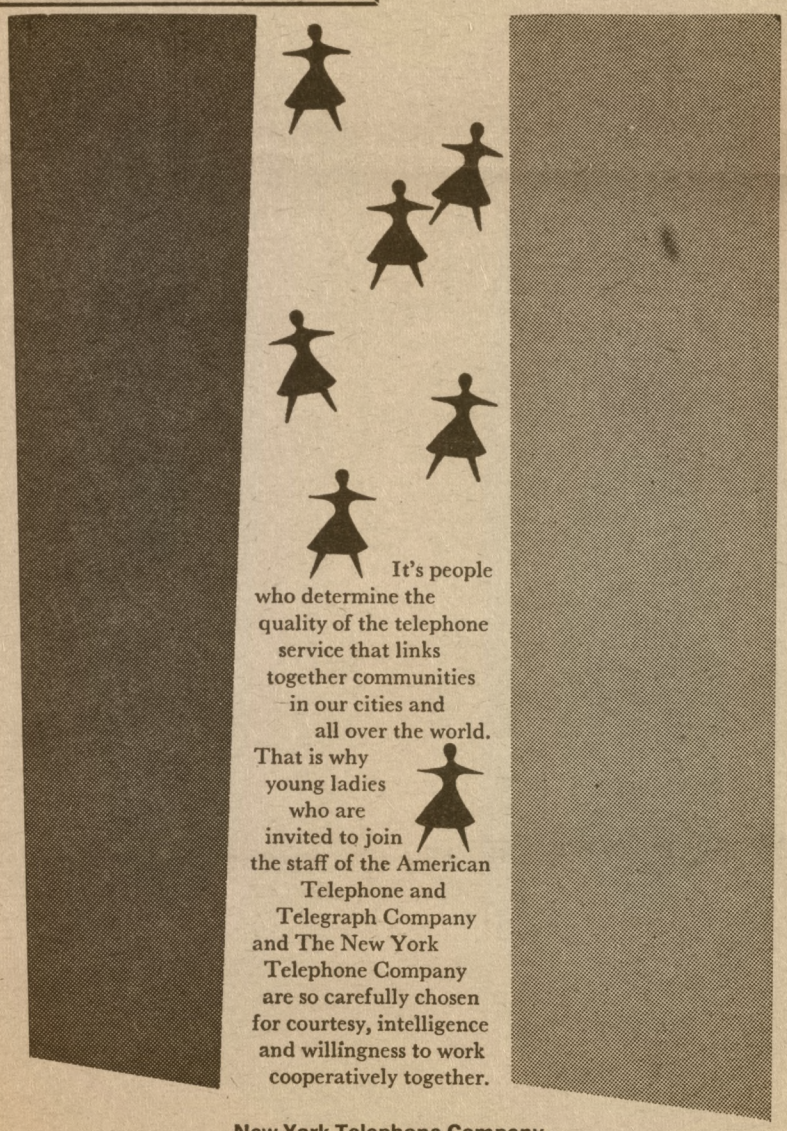
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MERMEN CONQUER TILDEN; BOOTERS TOPPLE MADISON

SWIMMING

The Midwood swimming team ran its winning streak to three by defeating Tilden, but then proceeded to drop four in a row before bouncing back to wallop Hamilton by a score of 53-16. Its record now stands at 4-4.

The Tilden meet ended in a 35-35 tie. However, since the Mermen secured the most first places in the meet, they received the victory.

Midwood copped the medley using Larry Blum, Jeff Margolis, Steve Weiss, and Bob Janava. Steve Zimmerman took a first in the fifty yard freestyle as did captain Gary Nyman in the two hundred. Mike Wolfson was a strong second in the hundred. The breaststroke event saw Dave Teichman and Ken Reiss swim home first and third respectively. Jay Melvin took a second in the backstroke and the loss of the relay set the stage for the dramatic ending. Now the meet rested on Bob Schwartz's every dive. Schwartz came through with a winning first to give Midwood the victory.

The Jefferson team proved too strong for Midwood as they beat us 47-23.

Against Boys' High, the Blue and White managed only two first places as they dropped the meet 44-26.

Midwood scored 15 points against mighty Brooklyn Tech, and the Mermen sank to a record of 3-4 as it bowed to Erasmus 38-32.

Midwood finally broke into the winning column again as they vanquished Hamilton, 53-16.

SOCCER

After winning its first five games, the Midwood soccer team fell into a slump after dropping a tough one to Wingate 3-2 on October 14.

The next game with Erasmus, was a disappointment to the Glenwood Roaders which has been the only team in the league to beat Erasmus thus far this season. The Midmen controlled the ball throughout the second half of the game and a prospective goal by Artie Aamman hit the top crossbar of the goal posts and fell back, giving Erasmus a 1-0 shutout.

In the Bushwick game, the squad played a hard game but lost in overtime, 2-1. The Boys' High game on October 14 was much the same. The team dropped the decision with another 2-1 score despite two penalty kicks awarded to it.

Although Arnie Cohn's goal was scored in the first thirty seconds of the game against Brooklyn Automotive, even the familiar terrain of Wingate Field didn't help the Midmen. The game was very close and resulted in Brooklyn Auto's coming out on top 2-1.

In the Madison game the team finally snapped out of its slump. Arnie Cohn, an outstanding team player scored in the first half. The ball was constantly changing hands with Madison struggling to tie, Midwood trying to get a goal for insurance. However the combined efforts of fullback Leo Grinsberg and goalie Howie Cohen held the Black and Gold scoreless.

SPORTS QUIZ

In a new series, we of the sports staff, offer you a chance to show your knowledge of athletics. Submit your answers to the following questions to room 449 at the beginning of the seventh period or to room 355 at the beginning of the eighth period on or before December 5.

All entries must bear your name and homeroom, and the first entry received with all the correct answers, will be printed in next issue.

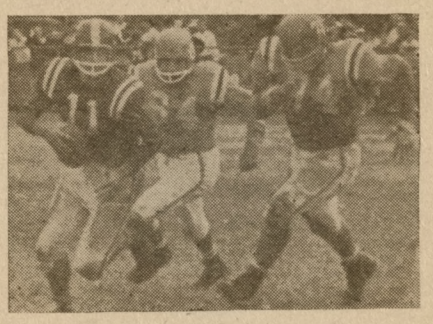
1. For what team and coach did the Four Horsemen play?
2. Who holds the major league record for striking out the most times in one season?
3. What college basketball player broke a Madison Square Garden record by scoring 56 points in one game?
4. Who holds the record for batting safely in seventeen consecutive world series games?
5. Who holds the American record for the mile run?
6. Who is the current holder of the U.S. Singles tennis crown?
7. Who is the present welterweight champion of the world?
8. Who is the only golfer to have ever won the "Grand Slam"?
9. With what sport do we associate the term, chukker?
10. The New York Football Giants have two men on their roster whose first names are Roosevelt. What are their last names?

Mid-Eleven Bow Twice

In its third contest of the 1958 football campaign, Midwood encountered its second defeat at the hands of Erasmus, by a score of 6-0. The game was played at Boys' High Field on October 18.

Upon receiving the kickoff, Midwood's offensive unit met with a very powerful Erasmus line and was forced to punt. The Dutchmen were also unable to gain yardage and by the close of the third quarter neither team had been able to find pay dirt.

In the fourth quarter, with the score



Seccia Rolls Out to Pass

reading 0-0, and five minutes remaining in the game, Erasmus began to make its move. The Dutchmen advanced the ball deep into Midwood territory grinding out several first downs. From the Midwood four, Erasmus Quarterback Emil Castro hit Dan Kaufman in the end zone with a short pass. The extra points were missed and the score showed Erasmus on top 6-0.

Midwood received the kickoff and moved eighty-five yards in seven plays. On the Erasmus six, with second down and goal to go, Seccia pitched out to Marty Halleran. However, the ball got loose and the Dutchmen recovered, enabling them to eat up the clock for the remainder of the game.

On Friday, October 31, Midwood dropped its third game, this one to Tilden, at Tilden Field, by a score of 12-6.

Artie Morris returned the opening kickoff to his own 32 yard line. With Tom Seccia masterfully running the split T formation, the combination of Morris and John Clancy pushed the ball to the Tilden 6. On a first down, goal to go play, Seccia circled his right end and pitched out to Morris, who sprinted into the end zone. The extra two-pointer was no good and the score read 6-0, in Midwood's favor.

Midwood's lead, however, was short-lived as the Sammy J's rebounded right back to tie the score. From the Midwood 5, Lenny Acker, Tilden's ace signal-caller, plunged into the end zone on a quarterback keeper. Tilden also missed the extra points.

The Midmen threatened again, but lost the ball on a fumble at the Tilden 3. The first half ended 6-6.

In the middle of the third quarter, Marty Wachs recovered a Tilden fumble on the Tilden 33. After picking up a first down, the Glenwood Roaders lost the ball on downs.

At this point, Midwood's defense became an immovable wall. The Sam J's were thrown back to their 12. Attempting to punt, the Tilden kicker lost the ball and Midwood pounced on it on the Tilden 6. Having four downs to move the ball six yards, the Midwood offense fell apart. Tilden took over the ball on its own 8 yard line and punted.

From the Tilden 37, Lenny Acker intercepted a wobbly Seccia pass. Acker galloped down the sidelines for a 70 yard touchdown and the final score read 12-6.

Phil Singer

Kickoff

ROGER FINE

As the so-called "winter sports" pass the mid-way point on their schedules, it becomes possible for us to take a good look at our teams' records and analyze their seasons thus far.

In football, despite the usual yearly pre-season predictions of a winning team, this years "team of destiny" has failed to bring home to Midwood what has eluded it all these years; namely, a winning season.

Last year, it appeared that Midwood would have its desire fulfilled until an upset in a rain-drenched affair at Tilden. Only a spectacular reversal at the expense of a surprised Boys' High team saved the season from being a complete failure. The team finished with a mediocre 3-4 record.

This season, the picture is even more dismal. Crushed in its opener against Jefferson, the team, led by veteran Tom Seccia, came back to gain a weak victory over Madison, and had only junior halfback Artie Morris to thank for that one.

With hopes high and tails afire, the Middies invaded Erasmus. This was the team which last year had vanquished Midwood 32-6, while en route to an unbeaten season. Despite a much weaker team this year, they still proved a bit too much for the Blue and White as they won by a touchdown, 6-0.

Then, a this-time favored Tilden squad, sent Midwood's winning aspirations down the drain with a 12-6 win.

This is how far the season has progressed at the writing of this column and things certainly do not look bright for the remaining three games. A repeat performance against Boys' cannot be expected, whereas Lafayette boasts one of the strongest teams in the city. Only once-mighty Lincoln seems within the Midmen's reach and even that is uncertain.

It was a valiant try boys, but let's hope for a better season next year.

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Last year our soccer team started out like a house on fire and it appeared that Midwood finally had a strong soccer squad. However, it ran out of gas in the middle of the season and finished with a so-so 2-4-3 record.

Following that pattern this season, the team flew off to a 3-0-1 record with Arnie Cohen and Bob Kent leading the way. Then the team faltered and dropped to 4-5-1. The future does not look bright at this point with three tough teams remaining on the schedule.

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A bright star in the darkness of Midwood sports is beginning to twinkle. Our swimming team, frustrated for years because of the lack of a pool, has finally overcome that disability and a winning or at least a .500 season appears probable. With swimming ace and captain Gary Nyman and co-captain Jeff Margolis breaking and setting new Midwood records, the team now has a 4-4 record. We hope this expected accomplishment is repeated in the years to come.

Pinmen Top Madison; Toppled By Erasmus

Midwood's bowling team has won three out of the first four games it has played this fall. The only loss was to Erasmus.

In defeating Madison, the boys ran up a team total of 707 pins, which averages out to about 175 a man. Still on that note, in the latest match the keglers beat Hamilton by 160 pins with the aid of Steve Edelson and Al Vituli who bowled 217 and 207 respectively.

The starting team consists of four men. Midwood's top men are Vituli who averages 180, Edelson who averages 170, Mark Coblin and Harvey Sonenberg both averaging 165.

The boys, by proving they can bowl well, are more than confident that they will beat Erasmus the next time the teams play and go on to the division finals with a 9-1 record.

Although the bulk of the schedule remains, if the team continues playing at its current pace, the championship may come to Midwood.